

THE WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON

Date: February 16, 1976

FROM: Brent Scowcroft

VIA: William Nicholsor

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MEETING: With Mohammad Naim, Brother of and Principal Foreign Policy Advisor to President Daoud of Afghanistan.

DATE: At your convenience during a visit by Naim to Washington later this spring.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate US interest in strengthening relations with Afghanistan. Naim would be the first high-level visitor from Kabul since the late 1960's.

FORMAT: - Oval Office call
- 20 minutes

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Kissinger

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points would be provided through the NSC.

PRESS COVERAGE: Meeting to be announced; White House photo.

STAFF: Brent Scowcroft

RECOMMEND: Brent Scowcroft

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The Afghans have expressed increased interest in strengthening the dialogue with the US. Therefore, Secretary Kissinger is inviting Naim, as President Daoud's key foreign policy advisor and closest confidant, to Washington for official talks later this spring. He believes, as I do, that it would be highly useful if you could meet briefly with Naim to underscore

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our mutual interest in improved relations with Afghanistan, particularly since this is the first opportunity for a high-level Afghan official to be here in some years. The Afghans have let it be known that they would regard a meeting with you as the linchpin of Naim's consultations.

I believe that a meeting with you would encourage Afghanistan to seek pro-Western alternatives to its close past relationship with the USSR and to play a moderating rather than trouble-making role in South Asia. Recently, the Afghans have shown a decided interest in improving relations with the US and Iran. They have also been playing a more constructive role in non-aligned and third world issues, including in the UN. This is a trend we want to encourage.

I recommend you agree in principle to meet briefly with Naim during his prospective visit.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

